

Registration Form

ANNUAL TB REGIONAL NURSES CONFERENCE

McCormick State Park, Oct 21 & 22, 2015

Pokagon State Park, Oct 28 & 29, 2015

Full Name: _____

Local Health Department: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

County: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Indicate your preferred location:

McCormick's State Park (Canyon Inn), Oct 21 & 22, 2015 _____

451 McCormick Creek Park Rd, Spencer, IN, 47460

Tel: 812-829-4881 Toll Free: 877-922-6966

Pokagon State Park (Potawatomi Inn), Oct 28 & 29, 2015 _____

6 Lane 100A, Lake James, Angola, IN, 46703

Tel: 260-833-1077

Topics include: Case management, Contact investigations, TB Refugee follow up, Genotyping and many more.

A limited number of scholarships for lodging will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please fax the completed registration form to ISDH by September 1, 2015.

Please email or fax completed registration to:

Phone: (317) 233-7841

Fax: (317) 233-7747

Email: mfulano@isdh.in.gov

TB/Refugee Health

2 N Meridian St

Section 6D

Indianapolis, IN, 46204

REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP

TB Regional Nurses Annual Conference

We would like to apply for the scholarship to cover 1 night of lodging for the TB Regional Nurses Annual Conference.

County:_____

Nurse:_____

Date:_____

Please note that the nurse or Local Health Department (LHD) will be responsible for paying for the lodging upfront and will be reimbursed through Hoosier Uplands upon receipt of the Tuberculosis Expense voucher, receipt and a W-9, submitted to ISDH, fax 317.233.7747

Please note that you will need to register and make your own lodging arrangements (See registration form).

Date received @ ISDH_____

ISDH Lab Now Able to Provide HIV Testing for TB Patients

The vision of the ISDH TB Control Program is a Tuberculosis-free Indiana. One of the key priorities to fulfilling this mission is ensuring that all TB patients have a known HIV status, since HIV infection is one of the most critical co-morbidities that can greatly complicate TB treatment.

If you are managing a TB patient that has an unknown HIV status, the ISDH Lab can provide this testing. A blood sample should be collected using standard venipuncture technique in a serum separator (gold top or “tiger top”) tube. Please centrifuge the sample and store refrigerated prior to shipping, if possible. The sample must be tested within 7 days of collection for a valid result.

The test order should be submitted in LimsNet under the “HIV/Hep” test tab. Access to this test can be requested through the LIMS help desk (888-535-0011). The reason for test should be entered as “Other,” with “TB Patient” listed in the comments box.

The sample should be shipped as a Category B, Biological Substance and can be included along with your usual sputum shipment to the ISDH Lab. The tube should be sent in a IB container, which is available at no charge from the ISDH Containers department (317-921-5875).

Results should be available in LimsNet within one week of specimen receipt at ISDH Lab. For more information about this service, please contact the ISDH Serology Lab at 317-921-5858.

Important Updates from Purdue University Pharmacy

There is continuing confusion with the 12 week regimen of INH and RPT. Several prescribers have ordered rifampin instead of rifapentine. For prescribers who use electronic ordering, the drug lists probably have rifapentine as PRIFTIN, the brand name. Perhaps including the brand name PRIFTIN when you are instructing the medical providers about this regimen would help decrease confusion.

Please consider using the TB SWIMSS task list system to order refills. Using the task list saves you the trouble of calling us for routine refills and can save all of us money by not accruing long distance phone charges. To assure that you receive the drugs you need, an entry in the notes section (i.e. “requesting refills of both INH and VitB6”) will let us verify what it is you want.

We are receiving a number of requests to send to agencies other than the local health department---as in sending the drugs to a college medical clinic for a student receiving LTBI treatment. Because of the contract between ISDH and Purdue Pharmacy and because of laws that restrict the intermediates involved in dispensing, we are unable to send drugs to anyone other than the individual health departments.

We welcome your calls and concerns! The staff at the Purdue Pharmacy that can best handle your concerns are Nicole Noel, Mary Grable and now Nancy Chapman. Other staff members are happy to take your called in refill requests, but the staff mentioned are more familiar with TB therapy and concerns. Because of a change in staffing, there may be a short time when one of the 3 may be unavailable to immediately answer your concerns. However, when this happens, our staff will be happy to take a message and one of the above will call you back that day to address your concerns.

We all appreciate the hard work you all do to eliminate TB one client at a time!

Updates from Refugee Health

A brochure has been designed to educate refugees about emergency preparedness. We hope to translate this brochure into the native languages of our refugee populations. You can see a snapshot of the brochure on page 6. If you would like a copy, please contact Refugee Health Coordinator, Ibrahim Dandakoye at 317-234-7252.

Epi Update

Kelly Richardson is the new TB Epidemiologist, having started at ISDH in March 2015. Before moving to Indiana, Kelly worked for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene based in Baltimore, MD. She is a graduate of Purdue University (Boiler Up!) and the University of Louisville. Some of her favorite hobbies include reading Stephen King, hiking, and exploring Indianapolis. Here are some of the projects she has been working on since her arrival:

Contact Investigations: Kelly is working to clean and analyze the contact investigation data and make improvements to the way we collect information from the LHDs. Stay tuned for more information!

Genotyping: Kelly has worked to assure all genotyping was completed for 2014 and continues to process results for 2015 cases. If a case in your county has a genotype that clusters in Indiana and needs further investigation, she will be sending along that information via fax. More information on TB genotyping will be provided at the TB Regional Nurses Conference in October.

Data Requests and Reports: The 2014 Annual Report has been completed and is available on our website. If you or anyone in your county needs additional data, please contact Kelly directly and she would be happy to give you what you need.

Expanded Contact Investigation in Clark County: Kelly, along with other ISDH staff, has been assisting Clark County with a large contact investigation surrounding a TB case in a school. If any LHD needs assistance with any contact investigation, or just has questions on how they should proceed, please contact Kelly.

Interjurisdictional Cases/Contacts, Quality Assurance and More: Kelly continues to work on a variety of projects to improve the quality of data in the TB program. Please stay tuned for future updates!

Updates from the Regional Nurses

A few months ago, two of Indiana's counties, Marion and Clark, were notified of infectious TB cases. That's nothing unusual by itself, but when you place those cases within schools, at the end of the school year, things get a little exciting. Your TB Regional Nurses, as well as the TB Epidemiologist and TB Health Educators pitched in to help these counties with the large contact investigations that followed. For any of you who have managed a contact investigation including hundreds of people, you know it's a lot of work. So, if Joy, Dawn and Jill seemed especially busy over the last few months, now you know why. They helped educate contacts at the first Marion County contact testing at Southport High School, where over 600 people were tested either with TSTs or IGRAs. Joy, Jill and others spent several weeks in Clark County helping the Public Health Nurses there as they tracked down contacts and set up a testing schedule. For all the contacts identified with LTBI, Clark County is now coordinating the medication pick-up and DOPT schedules. Please remember, when the number of contacts is so big, extra help is definitely available from ISDH. The ISDH was able to provide some funding to enable Clark County to hire a temporary RN to manage LTBI medications for the TB contacts. Many of them were prescribed the once a week regimen which must be administered DOPT.

The other news is specific to Dawn Sipes, the TB Regional Nurse responsible for the northern region of Indiana. You may have already heard, but Dawn is now a Nurse Practitioner! She recently received a Master's degree in Nursing awarded through Purdue and received national certification through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners on August 5, 2015. She has worked at ISDH for a total of four years, and for the last three years, she has also been going to school. Now her dream is no longer a dream. We know eventually she'll be ready to move on to the next part of her career, which is wonderful for her —Go Dawn!— but sad for us. When asked for highlights of her work in TB, she says she's grateful for getting to work with people from different cultures. Another highlight was working with an MDR-TB patient—a huge learning experience. She not only became familiar with second and third line drugs, but also had the opportunity to collaborate not just with county and state partners, but with the CDC and global TB experts.

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